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1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF MINING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. GOUSE, ERDA, THREE NEW PROPOSALS TOTALING 26,760,808 ZLOTYS (1,343,414.15 USDOLS). THE PROPOSALS ARE BEING FORWARDED UNDER REFERENCE A. BELOW IS THE LIST OF TITLE AND PROPOSED BUDGETS:

A. "HYDROGENATION OF PRIMARY TARS (ON A LABORATORY AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL PLANT SCALE) FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF LIQUID FUEL RECOVERY" - 11,325,035 ZLOTYS FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

B. "HYDROGENATION OF COAL EXTRACTS IN THE FLUIDIZED AND FIXED CATALYST BED" - 8,227,841 ZLOTYS FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

C. "TEXT ON THE SUITABILITY OF PUMPS FOR THEIR HIGH-PARAMETER OPERATION" - 7,207,932 ZLOTYS FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

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2. AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE B, THE SCIATT POINTED

OUT TO COORDINATOR KAHANEK THAT THE FIVE PROPOSALS ON COAL LIQUEFACTION IN THE AMOUNT OF 4,843,328,16 USDOLS IN ZLOTY EQUIVALENT, TRANSMITTED TO ERDA UNDER REFERENCE C LAST APRIL, ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ERDA SUBJECT TO THE NATURE OF COUNTERPART ACTIVITIES THAT THE POLES WILL UNDERTAKE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAM.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, KAHANEK STATED THAT THE POLISH COUNTERPART ACTIVITIES ARE ALL SPELLED OUT IN THE PROPOSALS WHICH GOUSE INDICATED AS ACCEPTABLE AND, THEREFORE, HARDLY AN OPEN ITEM. THE MINISTRY REQUESTS FURTHER ELUCIDATION OF GOUSE'S COMMENT.

4. THE SCIATT POINTED OUT TO KAHANEK THAT THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE NEW PROPOSALS IS 1,343,414.15 USDOLS AND, WHEN COMBINED WITH THE TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSALS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 2, IT GROSSLY EXCEEDS THE USERDA POTENTIAL OBLIGATION OF UP TO 5.35 MILLION USDOLS FOR COAL LIQUEFACTION. KAHANEK FEIGNED IGNORANCE OF THIS FACT BUT SAID THAT IF INDEED THIS WERE THE CASE, THE POLISH SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FUNDING OF THE NEW PROPOSALS EITHER ALONE OR JOINTLY WITH USERDA SO AS NOT TO FORCE (SIC) ERDA TO EXCEED ITS CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION.

5. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF MINING SIXTEEN PROPOSALS IN THE AREA OF MINING TECHNOLOGY WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF 68,122,970 ZLOTYS (3,419,824 USDOLS). THESE PROPOSALS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO YANCIK/BOM UNDER SEPARATE COVER. THE SAME COMMENTS AS IN PARAGRAPH 4, BUT DIFFERENT PROPOSAL FIGURES, ALSO APPLY TO THE NEW PROPOSALS BEING TRANSMITTED TO BOM.

6. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW ERDA'S ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 IN REFERENCE B CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH POLISH-FUNDED ACTIVITIES, AND THE POLISH REPLY TO THE U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ON JOINTLY FINANCED ACTIVITIES.

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